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**Attention: Box AF**

Re: U.S. Utility Application No. 09/206,040 Art Unit: 2833  
Filed: December 4, 1998 Examiner: Scott D. Priebe  
For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated  
with Plants  
Inventors: Joseph R. BYRUM *et al.*  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Response;
2. Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132;
3. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (in duplicate);
4. Notice of Appeal from the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (in duplicate); and
5. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time, other than those provided herewith, are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D R Marsh".

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